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SUBJECT: WILLS CLARIFIES PNC-PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY  
(PRSP) TIES

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ARA FOR DEP ASST SECRETARY LUERS  
ARA/CAR BLACKEN/HEAVNER  
FROM CHARGE

1. FONMIN WILLS TELEPHONED ME THIS AFTERNOON (JAN 24) TO  
CLARIFY HIS COMMENTS REGARDING PNC TIES WITH PUERTO RICAN  
SOCIALIST PARTY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM AMBASSADOR MANN REPORTING A CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN MANN AND DEP. ASST SECRETARY LUERS  
REGARDING THE FONMIN COMMENTS TO ME ABOUT PNC TIES WITH THE  
PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

2. WILLS SAID THAT I HAD MISUNDERSTOOD HIS COMMENTS ABOUT  
THE EXTENT OF THE TIES BETWEEN THE PNC AND PRSP. HE CLAIMED  
THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION OF PNC OR GOG DIPLOMATIC,  
MORAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PRSP. I COUNTERED THAT AFTER  
RETURNING FROM OUR MEETING I HAD REVIEWED MY NOTES ABOUT  
HIS STATEMENT ON SUPPORT FOR THE PRSP AND HAD WRITTEN  
SOLIDARITY, FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING  
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FROM THE PNC. MOREOVER THAT THE FONMIN WOULD REMEMBER THAT I HAD  
CAUTIONED HIM ABOUT HOW SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE RECEIVED BY  
WASHINGTON. WILLS REPLIED HE REMEMBERED MY STATEMENT BUT IT  
HAD NOT REGISTERED AS A WARNING THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE UPSET.

3. FON MIN THEN SAID THAT I HAD MINUNDERSTOOD HIM BUT THAT  
FOR THE RECORD GOG WOULD NOT OFFER ANY MATERIAL (FINANCIAL)

DIPLOMATIC OR MORAL SUPPORT. HE CLAIMED THAT PNC WAS ONLY MAINTAINING LINKS WITH PRSP BECAUSE PPP HAD INVITED PRSP LEADERS TO GUYANA AND PNC INTEREST WAS SIMPLY TO SHOW QUOTE SOLIDARITY UNQUOTE. I POINTED OUT SOLIDARITY CAN BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN MANY THINGS. WILLS AGREED AND REITERATED THAT GOG WILL NOT SUPPORT CUBANS AT NEXT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA ON ISSUE OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. WILLS SAID I WILL GO ONE STEP FURTHER I WILL RECOMMEND TO DR REID (PNC GENERAL SECRETARY) THAT PNC SEVER ALL LINKS WITH PRSP SINCE IT CREATES A NEEDLESS IRRITANT IN US-GOG RELATIONS.

4. I AGREED AND AT WILLS REQUEST WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY TO DEP ASST SECRETARY LUERS TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS ISSUE. WILLS THEN SAID THAT HE HOPED USG ALSO WOULD NOT MISUNDERSTAND GOG REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN COMECON. I REPLIED THAT WE WONDERED ABOUT GOG INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA. WILLS SAID IT WAS SIMPLY A MOVE TO TRY AND GET SOME ASSISTANCE TO TIDE COUNTRY OVER. HE CONTINUED THAT USG SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED THAT GOG WILL ACCEPT ANY AID WITH POLITICAL STRINGS THAT WOULD RESULT IN GUYANA BECOMING A THREAT TO US. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS TO LUERS AS WELL. FON MIN THANKED ME AND CONCLUDED CONVERSATION.

5. COMMENT: I STAND BY MY EARLIER REPORT ON THIS ISSUE CONTAINED REFTEL. HOWEVER, MY REPORT COUPLED WITH DEP ASST SECRETARY LUERS CONVERSATION WITH AMB MANN (WHO WILLS DESCRIBED AS SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS) HAS HOPEFULLY SHORT CIRCUITED PNC INITIATIVES WITH PRSP. I HAVE THE FEELING WILLS LOQUACIOUSNESS GOT THE BEST OF HIM DURING OUR RECENT CONVERSATION AND WOULD BET CONFIDENTIAL

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AMB MANN IS PROBABLY UNAWARE OF A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS WILLS MADE TO ME. HOWEVER, FOR THE RECORD WHEN WILLS TOLD ME OF PNC-PRSP I QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT SUPPORT AT THE TIME SO THERE WOULD BE NO MISTAKE ON MY PART. NEVERTHELESS I BELIEVE THAT WILLS INTENDS TO DEFUSE ISSUE. TIME WILL TELL IF HE SUCCEEDS.  
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